

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present Amendment responds to the Office Action dated October 2, 2009. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

Claims 1-32 are pending in the present application. It is gratefully acknowledged that claims 26-28 and 30-32 are allowed.

Claims 1, 13, 19 and 23-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, the claims have been amended to be more definite. Support for the amendment of claims 9, 23 and 24 can be found on pages 9, 13 and 14 of the present application. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of the claims in light of the present amendments.

Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. In response, claim 25 has been cancelled.

Claims 9-11, 15, 16 and 18-25 are provisionally rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-5 of copending Application No. 10/521,646. Upon allowance of the present claims, a Terminal Disclaimer will be filed in response to this rejection.

Claim 29 is objected to as being in improper form. In response, claim 29 has been amended to be dependent from claim 26.

Claim 2-8, 12, 14 and 17 are objected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim - - claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended, and is submitted to be in allowable condition.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the objection of claims 2-8, 12, 14 and 17 in light of the amendment to claim 1.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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